



INSIDE GARDNER

Your Community

September - October 2014

Captain Moore Retires from Police Department

A public reception was held on Thursday, August 28th honoring the retirement of Police Captain James Moore.

Capt. Moore became a member of the Gardner Police Department on March 17, 1981 as a Reserve Police Officer. He became a full-time officer on November 16, 1982, after graduating from the 102nd Basic Kansas Law Enforcement Training Academy at JCCC. He is also a graduate of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association and has devoted his entire career to the City of Gardner.



In 1988, the City formed a Public Safety Department, cross training police officers as firefighters and medical first responders. Capt. Moore was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1990, Lieutenant in 1994 and Captain in 2002. During his tenure, he supervised all divisions within the department: patrol, administration, fire and emergency medical services.

Throughout his career, Capt. Moore also served as Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Marshal and Public Information Officer. He was appointed Interim Chief of Police several times, most recently from September 2012 until July 2013 after the death of long-time Chief of Police Kenneth Francis. Capt. Moore was contracted by the City of Edwardsville, KS in July 2007 as their Interim Chief of Police while they completed a search to fill the Chief of Police vacancy, and was honored with a proclamation for this service.

Capt. Moore has always been an active member of the community, volunteering his time to various programs and fundraising events for local residents, youth and veterans. He has been a Kansas Hunter Education instructor for over 14 years; a member of the Optimist Club and Pride Riders Lions Club; and currently serves as Director of the American Legion Riders. The Governing Body and City staff extend sincere appreciation to Captain Moore for his commitment and service to the City of Gardner.

Construction Updates

Center and Main Street Intersection

Construction began in August with modifications being made to improve safety and relieve congestion. Traffic will be maintained throughout construction, as well as access to all adjacent properties.



Phase 1 of the project includes widening on the east side of Center Street south of Main Street, replacing sidewalks and curb ramps on the northeast and southeast corners of the intersection, and placing a storm sewer pipe across Center Street south of Main Street. The project is scheduled to be completed in early November 2014.

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City Council Approves 2015 Budget



Following a series of public work sessions and meetings, the City Council approved the 2015 Budget at their August 18, 2014 meeting.

The 2015 Budget totals \$53.1 million with a total mill rate of 29.405. The Governing Body decreased the mill rate by 1.728 for this budget after maintaining a flat mill rate from 2011 through 2014. The 2015 Budget also includes:

- 2.2% decrease in property tax revenue
- 6.6% increase in city sales tax reflecting historical trend and current data
- 11.8% increase in county sales tax
- Dedicated pool of \$230,000 for salary adjustments - to be determined following completion of a wage/compensation study
- State mandated 6.5% increase for the City's contribution to KPERS and 7.2% increase for KPF
- 8% increase in water rates
- 4% increase in wastewater rates
- Implementation of a cost allocation plan to recover costs into the General Fund for services provided to the City's utilities

The 2015 Budget was developed to strategically plan and prepare for future projects while delivering services with increased efficiency. It includes funding to improve infrastructure and city facilities, and continues the City's commitment to the highest level of service and fiscal stewardship to its citizens.

View the budget in its entirety at www.gardnerkansas.gov.

Parks and Recreation Joins Instagram

Want to see what all the fun is about? Follow the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department on Instagram by searching for gardnerparkrec!



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A newsletter published for the residents of
the City of Gardner
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Mayor's Message to Gardner Residents



Greetings fellow citizens,

Every year, August marks the end of our municipal budget cycle. Adopting the budget is the biggest policy decision the City Council makes on behalf of the citizens of Gardner. Your City Council has held property taxes in check each of the past three budgets, and after much discussion, the 2015 Budget provides property owners in Gardner with a modest 5.5% decrease of their City property tax bill. While adopting the budget for 2015 is behind us, the work of the elected leaders and City staff continues. Before the end of this year, City Council and staff will begin working to make adjustments to our priority-based budgeting process and will determine the schedule for next year's budget discussions, which will begin as early as January.

As summer turns to fall, students in USD 231 return to class with some students attending the newly constructed Trail Ridge Middle School, and high schoolers taking advantage of the newly constructed Multi-Purpose Activity Center at GEHS. I tip my hat to the officials and staff at the Unified School District for bringing these projects to completion.

Now that classes have resumed, please be careful of students, and all other pedestrians, as they make their way around town. Remember that pedestrians in Kansas, once waiting at or in the crosswalks, have the right of way, so please adjust your speed or prepare to stop for them.

You've probably noticed some improvements have been made to Gardner streets, sidewalks and crosswalks, including the intersections of Main and Center and 183rd and Center (see page 3 for more information). Next year you will also see many new and upgraded sidewalks in and around downtown Gardner where foot traffic is heaviest. If any of the improvement projects prove temporarily inconvenient, please understand that these too will soon be finished, with improved service to our residents once complete. In the meantime, please be safe as you negotiate your way around town.

With so much activity all around Gardner, I ask everyone to please keep up-to-date with what is going on in the City. In Gardner we make it easy for you with many ways to stay informed, including the City website, a wide variety of email blasts you can sign up for, and a social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. If you look, you will see there is much going on in Gardner, so have a great time as the seasons prepare to change yet again!

Best regards,

Calendar of Meetings

Sept 1	City Hall CLOSED in observance of Labor Day
Sept 2	City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
Sept 4	Electric Utility Advisory Board Meeting - 7:00 PM
Sept 11	Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting - 6:30 PM
Sept 15	City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
Sept 23	Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 PM
Oct 2	Electric Utility Advisory Board Meeting - 7:00 PM
Oct 6	City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
Oct 7	Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting - 6:30 PM
Oct 20	City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
Oct 28	Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 PM

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Items of Note, Project Updates & Community Information

Construction Updates

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US-56 Resurfacing Project

In August, a resurfacing project began on a nearly one-mile stretch of US-56 from the west city limits of Gardner to Sycamore Street (excluding the portion already under construction from Center Street to Elm Street). Project work includes the milling away of two-inches of the existing asphalt pavement, followed by the application of a new two-inch asphalt overlay, as well as some curb and gutter repair work and paving of parking stalls along US-56. New pavement markings will be applied on the resurfaced portions of US-56.

One lane each direction will remain open throughout the project duration. Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closures. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage and cones. Drivers should expect minor delays and are encouraged to allow extra time for their daily commutes. The resurfacing project is scheduled to be completed in September 2014, weather permitting.



Contractors and Public Works staff activate the newly installed traffic signals at the intersection of 183rd Street and Center Street.

183rd Street and Center Street Signalization Project

Traffic signals for the 183rd Street and Center Street signalization project were activated on Friday, August 15th. This project provided signals for the intersection, sidewalk upgrades and improvements to pavement markings.

Upcoming Parks and Recreation Activities and Events

Youth Programs	Date	Registration Deadline	Age/Grade	Costs
Youth Tennis	Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28	September 2	5 to 12 years	\$35
NFL Punt/Pass/Kick	September 14	September 12	6 to 15 years	Free
Middle School Volleyball	Mid-October	September 5	Grades 7 to 8	\$65
Karate for Kids Martial Arts	Oct. 6 to Nov. 1	October 1	6 to 12 years	\$40
Tiny Tigers Martial Arts	Oct. 7 to Nov. 1	October 1	3 to 6 years	\$40
Breaking Barriers	October 11	October 1	All ages	\$35
Princess Ballet	Oct. 13 to Nov. 17	October 8	3 to 6 years	\$60
Tumbling Tots	Oct. 13 to Nov. 17	October 8	3 to 6 years	\$50
Special Needs Tumbling	Oct. 18 to Nov. 22	October 13	4 to 8 years	\$35
Special Needs Gymnastics	Oct. 18 to Nov. 22	October 13	9 to 15 years	\$35
Youth Basketball	Early December	October 17	Grades 1 to 6	\$60
Little Ballers Basketball	Early January	November 21	Preschool to Grade 1	\$50

Adult / Family Programs	Date	Registration Deadline	Age/Grade	Costs
Fairground Hoedown	September 5	N/A	Adults & Seniors	\$5 advance \$7 at the door
Scrapbooking	Sept. 5, Oct. 10	N/A	12 and up w/ parent	\$5
Kids' Fishing Derby	September 6	September 3	12 and under	\$5
Women's Tennis	Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28	September 2	18 and older	\$35
Women's Volleyball	September 16	September 5	18 and older	\$150
Touch A Truck	September 20	N/A	All ages	Free
Movie in the Park (Despicable Me 2)	September 20	N/A	All ages	Free

Additional program information can be found by visiting www.gardnerkansas.gov/programs_activities/.

18th Annual Halloween Boo Bash



Gardner Parks and Recreation is holding its 18th Annual Halloween Boo Bash at Celebration Park on October 28th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Join us for an evening of ghastly games, spooktacular activities, lots of candy, prizes, a hayrack ride through the trails and much, much more. Little ghosts and goblins can come dressed in your cutest, silliest and homemade costumes. A costume contest will be held at 7:30 PM followed by a fire-eating entertainer performance. Free pop and popcorn will be available while supplies last, and concessions will also be available for purchase. \$3 wristbands for kids ages 2 to 12 gets you unlimited access to all the games and activities and a chance to win some amazing prizes. See you at the party! **Wristbands will be sold in advance at City Hall from October 13th to October 28th at 4:00 PM.**

In case of inclement weather, this event will be postponed to Wednesday, October 29th. A decision will be made by noon and the weather hotline will be updated at (913) 543-5305.



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Gardner Historical Museum—Upcoming Events

Hours:

Gardner Historical Museum - 204 W. Main St.

Saturday through Tuesday: 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Closed Friday evenings during the winter

The Bray House - 207 W. Shawnee St.

Saturday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Call 913-856-4447 to schedule a tour.

Admission is FREE (donations appreciated)



Upcoming Exhibits

WWII Military Tribute and Exhibits

Featured September through Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11th.

WWII Cemetery Walk

Thursday and Saturday, September 4th and 6th - \$5.00 each



Military Muster

Saturday, September 27th - 1300 hours (1:00 PM)

Gardner Historical Museum - 204 W. Main St.

Join both veterans and civilians who served at the Olathe Naval Air Station (ONAS), Sunflower Ordnance Works (SOW) or Nike Missile base for an afternoon/evening of conversation and socializing. Bring your photos and memories! Light refreshments provided.

Visit www.gardnerhistoricalmuseum.com for more information!

Happening at the Gardner Library

Creation Exploration

Bring the whole family to dabble in a new activity. Experimentation is encouraged and all skill levels are welcome. Wear your artist's clothing just in case. Registration is not necessary.

- September 4th - Story Writing - 7:00 PM
- October 2nd - Music - 7:00 PM
- November 6th - Drawing - 7:00 PM

Family Storytime

Stories, songs, fingerplays and movement activities most enjoyable for preschoolers, but fun for the whole family. Held Wednesdays, October 8th through 29th at 7:00 PM. Registration is not necessary.



To learn more, visit the Gardner Library or www.jocolibrary.org.

Gardner Residents Featured on The Story Trek

The Bohman family of Gardner, Kansas will be featured on an upcoming episode of The Story Trek.



The Story Trek, which airs on BYUtv, follows veteran TV journalist Todd Hansen as he interviews people across the country, collecting fascinating stories from seemingly ordinary lives.

The episode is scheduled to air on Monday, October 20th at 6:00 and 9:00 PM - MST on the channels listed below:

- Dish Network - Channel 9403
- DIRECTV - Channel 374
- Time Warner Cable - Channel 465

Full episodes are also available online at www.byutv.org.

Heart of America Wing 2014 Air Expo

Enjoy history as it takes to the skies! New this year - experience the sights and sounds of warbirds in flight, featuring aerobatic displays, dogfights and warbird performances.

WHEN

Saturday, September 13th

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 14th

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



ADMISSION

\$5 per person / \$10 per family

WHERE

New Century AirCenter

Commemorative Air Force Hangar - 6 Aero Plaza

Admission price includes historic WWII aircraft tours, veteran's oral histories, military vehicle display, children's hangar, museum tours and more! Airplane rides will also be available for an additional fee.

For more information, please visit www.kcghostsquadron.org.

Gardner Welcomes New Business

The City of Gardner welcomes new business DaVita Kidney Care; a leading provider of dialysis services in the United States.

